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Buff Wins Flyweight Championship, Knocking Goldstein Out in Second Round.

JOHNNY BUFF of Jersey City is the champion flyweight of America. He won the title by a knockout over Abe Goldstein in one minute and 22 seconds of the second round at the Manhattan Casino last night. The finishing punch was one of the most suddenly delivered ever seen. Goldstein had the lead and was mixing up a business-like straight left with a well timed uppercut much to Buff's chagrin. With an unmistakable advantage and confidence that goes with a man having the upper hand, Goldstein walked straight to at Buff and landed his best punch, a short right hook to the chin. It looked like the start to defeat for Buff. Again Abe stepped in to repeat his right hook but, in a flash, Buff shot out a straight right, beating him to it. Catching Goldstein coming in helped to add power to Buff's well directed punch and before the crowd realized it, down went Goldstein flat on his back, with arms outstretched.

Patsy Haley started the count, and at nine Abe struggled weakly to his feet. He had hardly straightened on his pins when he went over backwards in a heap. It was evident that he was gone. Haley gathered him up in his arms, assisted by Buff, and they led him staggering to his corner.

A pall came over the crowd, for Goldstein was the big favorite. The boys complied with the boxing law governing titular bouts as far as weights were concerned. They made 110 pounds at the weighing hour, 2 o'clock. The limit of the flyweight class in this country is 112.

IN THE second round of their scheduled six-round go K. O. Kaplin of Jersey City put Kid Carter of Washington Heights out of business. Carter was floored three times in the second period after starting it like a whirlwind. The last time he was too slow at getting to his feet, and at "ten" was still sitting comfortably on the ring floor. He professed to be greatly surprised when Referee Fawcett stopped the bout. Kaplin is a likely looking 140-pounder, with a good hitting style. His left hook is timed perfectly, and his right hand punch is a reminder of that of Jack Cross.

If he doesn't become too ambitious and is properly nursed along, Kaplin will out some figure in the future. He is sure has "the makings," and already has the very necessary following.

JIMMY POWERS of Hoboken and Mike McCabe of Harlem were the next pair on. Powers weighed 120 and McCabe 125½ pounds. This was scheduled as a ten-round affair, the semi-final. McCabe showed very much the stronger in the opening round and staggered Powers twice, still no serious damage was done to either up to the bell.

Powers boxed better in the second and had Mike missing some well meant punches for the third, but got in quite a few bruising body blows. Once Mike missed an uppercut and Jimmy nearly tipped him with a left hook high up on the cheek bone. Powers had the better of the third round on sheer boxing ability. McCabe, always strong and dangerous, had trouble reaching his marks effectively with his right swing.

THE Jersey boy shot a snappy right chop to Mike's chin at the beginning of the fourth round, and McCabe looked quite respectful after it landed. It was very evident in this session that Powers was by far the better boxer. He had Mike missing badly.

From the fifth to the finish Powers continued to outbox McCabe. Mike tried hard for the usual grunts and finish, but didn't get far. To the surprise of the majority of the fans, the judges, Tommy Shortell and George Schwegler, disagreed. The referee, Tommy Smith, then decided with one of the judges on a draw. Powers looked the winner to light, as he did to Judge Tommy Shortell, whose slip made him the winner.

HARVARD MEN FIGHT TO-NIGHT

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By Thornton Fisher

Local Teams of Amateurs, Semi-Pros and Industrials To Join National Body

New York Nines Enrolled With National Federation Will Get Chance to Compete With Leading Teams of Other Cities—Public-Spirited Citizens and Mayor Hylan Indorse Project.

MANY of New York's 150,000 sand-lot baseball players, amateurs, industrials and semi-pros, will soon be charter members of the National Baseball Federation and in active competition with leading nines in other cities. The plan to start a local division of the national federation is spreading like a prairie fire. From Manhattan Island and the outlying sections come inquiries from team managers asking what is necessary to enroll their players in the monster federation that has such a great following of embryo speakers, Cobbs and Alexanders out in the wide country.

Support of the new federation in this city is not just confined to actual players. Public-spirited citizens who are always keen to advance the athletic prestige and activities of little old New York are volunteering their aid.

One of the first to offer a helping hand to the new movement, W. W. Cohen, was conspicuously identified with the recent schoolboy skating contests between New York and Chicago, that did much to cement good feeling between the two cities. Robert Wendell, who comes from a noted athletic family, is another wholehearted supporter. He will be the wheel that Gotham sand-lot players will be enabled to take their place in the baseball limelight.

While the plan to include New York in the national federation is only in its infancy, something like sixty-five teams have already indicated their intention of becoming charter members.

When the local branch is thoroughly organized and a schedule mapped out for the teams in the three divisions, amateur, industrial and semi-professional, will be drawn against each other in a sort of elimination test and the winners will be the champions of the local committee. Mr. Devaga is so encouraged over the immediate response of so many teams that he is confident New York will quickly become the largest wing in the national body.

The initial step to place New York in the national federation was taken by Chairman Davega Wednesday night, when he called a meeting for the purpose of discussing membership conditions with representatives of

Dodgers Finish Training Season At New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, April 1.—Robbie's Champion Dodgers will devote April Fool's Day to strenuous practice which will prepare them for the games with the Yankees on Saturday and Sunday. The contests with the Yankees are the last which will be played in this city, as both teams will start their trip north to get ready for the season.

Two training sessions will constitute the Dodgers' work to-day. Robbie will send his athletes out in the morning and again after lunch.

He intends to get them into perfect condition, so that there will be no flaws in their work when they clash with Miller Huggins's tribe, who have the edge on them, six games to one.

There are still nine games to be played with the Huggins, and if the National League champions are victorious in five of these, Robbin will be satisfied. Robb and his team-mates got the jump on the Dodgers because of the latter's poor shape.

Robbie's players have improved wonderfully since meeting the Yankees and should give the New York representatives in the American League a hard battle.

Had My Myers's intention to avoid the training camp is evident by the receipt of a telegram by Robbie from the outfielder last night. My wired from his home in Kensington requesting Robbie to allow him to report to the Dodgers in Brooklyn, but Robbie telegraphed him immediately to join the team at New Orleans on Saturday.

Yanks Leave Their Camp At Shreveport To-Night In Ideal Condition

Believed Nothing Can Stop Crack New York Team Except Poor Handling.

SHREVEPORT, La., April 1.—(Special to The Evening World.) WITH their last task finished in Shreveport, the Yankees are bustling about in excitement to-day getting ready for their departure for New Orleans on an early train to-night. They are packing their traps to leave the city that has been their home for the last five weeks and are preparing to live out of suitcases for the next seven days as they wind their way Northward with the Rooms.

The Yankees are quitting Shreveport in much better condition than that which they enjoyed when they left Jacksonville last year. And, what is equally important, the mental condition of the club is one of happy confidence. The players have been winning, and they believe in themselves enough to think they are going to keep right on in the victorious column.

It is easy enough to connect glowing accounts before the "standing of the club" with its terrific record during the early weeks of the season. The rest of the series against Brooklyn will give the Yankees an excellent chance to bring their team play to perfection, for they will not have to worry much about the chance of winning.

The series will give the manager his final opportunity to look over his recruits and make any necessary changes on the club still in contest for berths. The two reserve gardeners will be selected from Wingo, Hawks, Connolly and Gassner.

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Only one thing is necessary to pilot them into a pennant and the resultant world's championship—the proper direction of the superpowerful strength they possess.

Miller Huggins has charge of the greatest team in baseball and has within his grasp unlimited of fame and great renown if he can make wise and fortunate judgment as the problems of the season arise. Huggins's task is hard in that he has such a large array of capable talent that he will be fair game constantly for sideline managers, who have all right to decide.

In the heat of competition, decisions must be jumped at, more or less, and it is only natural that the wrong course will be selected occasionally even by the best of pilots. If Huggins can pick the right path more often than not, his road should be strewn with all roses and no thorns.

The principal objective of the club on its trip North will be to perfect cohesive team play and polish itself for an irresistible drive against the other Eastern aggregations during the early weeks of the race. The rest of the series against Brooklyn will give the Yankees an excellent chance to bring their team play to perfection, for they will not have to worry much about the chance of winning.

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PANTAGES WIRES TEX OFFER OF \$850,000 FOR BOXING BOUT.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 1.—Alexander Pantages of Seattle has wired Tex Rickard an offer of \$850,000 for the Dempsey-Carpentier championship match, according to word received last night by E. G. Mills of Seattle, an agent of Mr. Pantages.

HOOKS & SLICES

Australian Golf Pro Paired With Hagen at Pinehurst To-Day.

PINEHURST, N. C., April 1.—Much interest in the North and South open golf championship, which starts to-day, centres in the playing of Joe W. Kirkwood of Melbourne, the Australian open champion, who is making this tournament the first in his tour of America, the British Isles and France. Seventy-five players are entered, practically all of the crack professionals being included in the number. Kirkwood is paired with Walter Hagen, former American and present French open champion. This pair will draw the gallery, as there is a feeling here that the Melbourne star will shoot some remarkable golf to-day.

Jim Barnes said last night it was doubtful if he would start. Among the experts who are expected to finish in the money are Fred McLeod, winner of the event last year; Jack Hutchinson, Leo Diegel, Pat O'Hara, the Irish open champion; George McLean, Charles Hoffman, Clarence Hockney and Tommy Kerrigan.

PINEHURST, N. C., April 1.—Leo Diegel and Walter Hagen, who are paired in the opening round of the championship, will be the first of American professionals making the trip to St. Andrews, Scotland, to play in the British open golf championship in June, they announced here last night. Diegel and Hutchinson, with Harry Vardon and Jack Burke, finished in the top four in the last year's tournament. The winner, Walter Hagen, was the only one to win the event in the United States open championship last year at Toledo.

PINEHURST, N. C., April 1.—Mrs. J. V. Hurd of Pittsburgh, winner of the women's North and South championship, won't play in the No. 2 course and returned in 14 for a 13. No woman roster ever had better than 13 going out on the championship course to-day. Mrs. Hurd's card out read: 4, 6, 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, 3, 2—45.

Members of the Kawano Golf Club, Marlborough, Vt., have already made plans for the opening of the golf season and the dates of three of the annual events have been announced by James Taylor, Vice President and Chairman of the golf committee. In addition to the Fourth of July tournament for the Independence Day trophy, they have three other events have been fixed, the play for the Isham Cup beginning on May 22, the qualifying round will be played for the Equinox Cup and the play will be continued on Sept. 1, 2 and 3. The Labor Day trophy will be completed on Sept. 5.

CENTURY CLUB TO HOLD LONG RACE ON SUNDAY.

The Century Road Club Association will hold its annual spring century run Sunday. Capt. William Campbell extended an invitation to all clubs and individuals to participate in the event. The start will be made from 55th Street and Columbus Circle at 8 A. M. for the novice riders and at 8:30 A. M. for the veterans. In the former class a pace averaging around twelve miles per hour will set, while the latter class will figure about eighteen miles. In case of indifferent weather the contest will be held a week later. Gold medals will be awarded the winners.

LIVE WIRES

By Neal R. O'Hara.

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Oh, what a pal was Mary! A tender idea, but a misleading one. Side of the average wrestling act, Mary was no pal—she was a double-crosser. If you want the real stuff in Damon-Pythias antics, just train your eyeballs on a couple of rascals. One depends upon the other, like a dash of cabbage in a vat of corned beef.

Take the famous case of Goldstein and Murphy. Goldstein—Sam was his first name—was champion of all the Greeks. He had wrestled all the round heads of Europe and was always seeking more skulls to conquer. Murphy was the idol of the Turks. He had six Turkish towels as trophies of triumphs he had earned in Turkey. The ensemble of towels represented a clean-up. Well, to make a long story longer, the Greek and Turk champs clashed on the mat one night. Thousands came from far and near, but especially the latter, and the gate receipts looked like a telephone dividend.

Murphy won the fracas that night, but the result itself was as nothing compared with the strides that science took after the box office count was complete. After Greek met Turk behind the R. O. grating, and the tug of war resulted in 1,200 huckle apiece, it was decided that earnest scrambles on the canvas should be conducted like the pendulum on a clock. First one side and then the other. So the Turk and Greek champs fought for 88 consecutive one-night stands, and the series ended 14 to 14, necessitating, naturally, a rubber series of the best 20 bouts in 32. And under the articles of agreement the rascalers were compelled to share in the gate receipts.

Oh, what a pal was Murphy! And oh, what a pal was Goldstein! They counted that day lost whose setting sun did not see a shift in the championship crown. Thus they prospered—and prosper yet. And the idea has spread among other rascalers like hay fever in the golden rod season.

Women Will See Harvard Boys Box To-Night for College Titles

Tournament May Lead to Intercollegiate Scraps Similar to Football Schedules.

By John Pollock.

Boxing is taking such a hold on the college lads that it would not be surprising if in a short time from now the annual pugilistic tournaments of the various schools of learning will resemble some of the big football matches. Harvard University has taken the first step in this direction when the students will fight it out for the college championships at Hemenway Gymnasium Cambridge, to-night and women will be admitted to the ring for the first time. Due to the authorities allowing the fair sex to witness the boys' pugilistic activities, orders compelling the contestants to appear in clean jerseys and trunks have been issued. This will strike a hard blow to some of the college boys who for superstitious reasons believed they could not emerge from the fray victor without their battle-scarred togs.

Pete Horowitz, former heavyweight champion, posted 11,740-96 for his fight against Willie Brown at the Yankee A. C. F. Wednesday night when the ex-lbber won by a knockout in twelve rounds. Horowitz was made referee to \$697.70. The entire proceeds totaled \$2,000, the state tax amounting to \$202.50.

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